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Amendments To The Claims

The listing of claims presented below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-58. (Cancelled)

Claims 59-114 (Cancelled)

Claims 115- 170 (Cancelled)

171. (New) An infrastructure system for telecommunication comprising:

a signal medium unable to support predictable connectivity and bandwidth with a given telecommunication platform, wherein said Infrastructure system further comprises, for facilitating said telecommunication platform, signal conditioning using transponders, that at least includes repeaters and coupler arrangements and necessary carrier frequency converters and control of transponder output levels, said signal conditioning being systematic and distributed, thereby facilitating predictable connectivity and bandwidth making available stable and predictable frequency band limited transfer properties and noise properties that are comparable to coaxial and twisted pair systems, at transponder interfaces of said infrastructure system, enabling D/A and A/D physical layer (PHY) of said telecommunication platform to be connected to said transponder interfaces.

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172. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said interfaces are connected with a cable modem communication platform PHY requiring transmission line characteristics.
173. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said interfaces enable transmission line characteristics where the arrangements depend on the different signal path anomalies to be compensated while signal dynamic balance is controlled to preserve signal-to-noise ratio and large signal handling.
174. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said interfaces are active, powered devices at accessible physical points to facilitate the conditioning of the medium to acquire transmission line-based system characteristics.
175. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said interfaces are active, powered devices inserted at physical points on distance paths to facilitate the conditioning of the medium to perform as a transmission line-based system.
176. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said interfaces are active devices accessed through analog interfaces comprised of a telecommunication PHY.
177. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said apparatus uses a quenched regenerative signal processing gain at a suitable intermediate frequency through bi-directional filtering and bi-directional frequency conversion to allow medium coupling with port isolation ranging from zero and up..
178. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said apparatus uses quenched regenerative signal processing gain at an intermediate frequency

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connected to the medium through separated ports through frequency conversion and through individual input and output amplifiers and filters, and is coupled to the medium with port isolation ranging from zero and up.

179. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said apparatus uses quenched signal processing gain through bi-directional filtering and bi-directional superheterodyne mixing when necessary for same frequency band shifted frequency band amplification.
180. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said apparatus uses superregenerative amplification at an intermediate frequency and is connected to the medium through separated ports through frequency mixers and through individual input and output amplifiers when necessary for same frequency shifted frequency band amplification.
181. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said apparatus uses frequency conversion amplification at an intermediate frequency through at least two frequency conversions and frequency filtering connected to the medium through separated ports.
182. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, where facilitation of predictable connectivity and bandwidth is applicable to all types of power grids and power circuits including buried cables, air mounted overhead cables, outdoor power grids, home power grids and in-building power-grids.
183. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, aimed to sustain information bandwidth.
184. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, arranged to facilitate the

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use of other carrier frequencies.

185. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, arranged to accommodate a plurality of modulation types.
186. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, compatible with modulation types which include at least the modulation types used with QPSK, QAM, OFDM, CDMA and DSSS.
187. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 130, compatible with physical layer of a plurality of telecommunication standards including ITU-T J112, ITU-T J122, IEEE 802.3, IEEE 802.3x, IEEE 802.11 x, IEEE 802.16x.
188. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, that uses up and down frequency conversions between the infrastructure system interfaces and the telecommunication standard platform PHY.
189. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, that utilizes inherent system attenuation to improve the infrastructure system performance through a distributed presence of active and passive compensation in said apparatus.
190. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said apparatus can utilize inherent system attenuation properties to aid stability and noise conditions with quenched regenerative signal processing gain repeaters as two port amplifiers.
191. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171 that uses power lines as the system medium.
192. (New) An infrastructure according to claim 171, compatible with non-standard proprietary telecommunication platforms including PHY of PLC Power Line Communication platforms.

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193. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171 that the system includes distribution panels, fuse panels, distribution boxes, junctions, junction boxes, substations along the signal traveling paths as hosts and power sources for signal repeaters and coupler arrangements to facilitate the distributed conditioning of the grid into a transmission line similar infrastructure.
194. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171 that includes the use of any conductors of any of ground buried cables, air mounted cables and bare wires in differential mode using at least two conductors as pair.
195. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171 that includes the use of transmission lines using a wire (440) where the wave is kept trapped along the metal surface of the conductor by using transmission with short wavelength between said transponders.
196. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171 that includes the use of voltage distribution street light and control grid and low voltage grid.
197. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171 that uses active, powered devices in junction points in the power grid to facilitate the conditioning of the grid towards performing like a transmission line based system.
198. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171 that uses inherent attenuation in junctions to form multi-ports with mutual isolation to aid stability and noise conditions with superregenerative as well as superheterodyne repeaters.
199. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171 that uses a coupler to spaced, unshielded wires, arranged as a magnetic loop antenna providing a galvanic insulated differential coupling to at least two conductors.

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200. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171 that uses a coupler to the termination of a shielded cable, arranged using the shield of the cable as a capacitive coupler, using toroid ferrite clamp on the shield grounding wire and a ferrite toroid outside on the shielded cable at a short distance from the shield grounding wire, and where the two signal connection points are at opposite sides of said toroid ferrite clamp being equal to a coupling winding through the toroid.
201. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 200 that uses two said coupler arrangements on two cables to provide differential signal coupling.
202. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171 that uses existing capacitive voltage measurement probe for a shielded cable assembly for medium voltage system, for signal coupling.
203. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 202 that uses two said probes of at least two said shielded cables to provide differential signal coupling.
204. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 203 that uses a matching device to optimize signal coupling through the low capacitance of said probes.
205. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171 that uses fibre coax HFC arrangements to obtain accessing of the infrastructure system at shorter intervals and binding together the infrastructure system.
206. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171 that uses other power lines than low voltage power lines to complement fibre access.
207. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171 configured to accept D/A and A/D PHY headend equipment to be installed at any point in the infrastructure system.

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208. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said apparatus includes transponders for customer premises equipment.
209. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said apparatus is an arrangement in distribution panels using transponders to link signals between coupler on ingoing supply cable with couplers on outgoing cables to reduce effects from inherent losses, reflections and mismatches and to utilize inherent attenuation in the distribution system to provide isolation between in port and out ports and between out ports.
210. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said apparatus includes substations linked together on power lines.
211. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein transformer stations are equipped to facilitate routing of signals between a high voltage side and a medium voltage side through couplers and at least one of transponders, repeaters, cables, coaxial cables, fibre optic cables.
212. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein substations are equipped to facilitate routing of signals between a medium voltage side and a low voltage side through couplers and at least one of transponders, repeaters, cables, coaxial cables, fibre optic cables.
213. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said apparatus embodiment can facilitate routing of signals through a transformer station utilizing stray capacitance coupling between transformer sections.
214. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said apparatus includes a wireless system node at any point in the system with an antenna and

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- interfaced with a repeating transponder as a node of the infrastructure system.
215. (Previously presented) An infrastructure system according to claim 214, wherein said node of the infrastructure system is an output node.
216. (Previously presented) An infrastructure system according to claim 214, wherein said node of the infrastructure system is an input node.
217. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, for frequency shifting in any power line junction point to adapt to varying power cable characteristics.
218. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, that enables physical penetration of cables in long cable runs to insert repeating transponders with couplers to compensate for signal losses.
219. (Previously presented) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said apparatus is arranged to improve immunity properties at various physical positions using active cancellation of common mode noise from any of near field sources and far field sources by using reference sampling antennas reference sampling probes for the common mode energy which aids identifying, characterizing and canceling common mode interference.
220. (Previously presented) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said apparatus is arranged to accept any suitable number of any of A/D and D/A cost saving headend equipment to be supplementary installed in any locations in the infrastructure system.
221. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said apparatus is arranged to incorporate non-galvanic high frequency interfacing by using a pair of fibre optic connections to a pair of repeaters transponders advantageously optically

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powered and galvanically installed separately with mutual galvanic isolation on at least two conductors to provide a differential, interface to voltage power lines conductors.

222. (Cancelled) (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said apparatus is arranged to incorporate voltage transitions through coaxial cables.
223. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said apparatus incorporates repeater nodes that have built in intelligence in the form of a processor.
224. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 223, wherein said apparatus incorporates repeater nodes that interface remotely interrogated sensors.
225. (Previously presented) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, wherein said apparatus allows a number of master units installed at different locations in the infrastructure.
226. (New) An infrastructure system according to claim 171, that it is a two-way system utilizing separate repeater functions in separate frequency bands in order to achieve an infrastructure system for more than one signal transmission direction.